

1 A RESOLUTION adjourning the Senate in honor of Jack Baker.

2 WHEREAS, Jack Baker is a fixture among the waters of Tygarts Creek, a home to
3 muskellunge that meanders through Carter and Greenup Counties and empties into the
4 Ohio River at South Shore; and

5 WHEREAS, at 96 years young, Jack Baker is an expert angler who has earned the
6 opportunity to catch muskie, having served in the United States Army in World War II,
7 earning the World War II Victory Medal, European-African-Middle Eastern Campaign
8 Medal, and Army Good Conduct Medal in addition to the Army marksmanship badge.
9 Jack participated in the D-Day invasion of Nazi-occupied France in 1944; and

10 WHEREAS, Jack Baker lost his son in a car crash in 1966, and his daughter and
11 wife succumbed to cancer just three months apart in 2001. His niece, Sally Everman,
12 works with the Legislative Research Commission; and

13 WHEREAS, Jack Baker caught his first muskie in Tygarts Creek in 1950. Today, he
14 still searches for muskie, using his South Bend Black Beauty rod and Abu Garcia
15 baitcasting reel and decades of experience to find the fish. Each catch is released to swim
16 another day; and

17 WHEREAS, the waters of Tygarts Creek, the Little Sandy River, and Kinniconick
18 Creek are known to be among the Commonwealth's most beautiful watering holes and
19 best places for muskie; and

20 WHEREAS, Jack Baker and his white Chevrolet pickup truck are well-known to
21 local residents and often seen parked near a bridge on the road to Carter Caves State
22 Resort Park; and

23 WHEREAS, the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources honored
24 Jack Baker with an article about his life and fishing prowess in the Summer 2016 issue of
25 *Kentucky Afield*;

26 NOW, THEREFORE,

27 ***Be it resolved by the Senate of the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of***

1 ***Kentucky:***

2 ➔Section 1. The Senate salutes Jack Baker for his service to his country and the
3 Commonwealth as a distinguished member of the United States Army, and for his
4 resolute pursuit of muskie in the waters of Tygarts Creek. When the Senate adjourns this
5 day, it does so in honor of Jack Baker.

6 ➔Section 2. The Clerk of the Senate is directed to transmit a copy of this
7 Resolution to Senator Robin Webb for delivery to Jack Baker.